VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Portic Young Colton I938- I940

Mrs. Oliver W. Young (l

Streamlined the club into activity using 33 active chairmen.Sports Division,even a Bowling League. First to inaugurate exhibits of Art of local artists.Jean Harman ,Oil Paintings to be exhibited each month. Started Book Reviews under Mrs.Sam Price. Presented the framed picture of Lucy Trotter Smead,our first President of the club.

The Van Nuys

Woman's Club

Twenty-Sixth
Program Year
1938-1939

Mrs. James Wibray 1940-1942

The Van Nuys

Woman's Club

Twenty-Eighth
Program Year
1940-1941

The Van Nuys

Woman's Club

Twenty-Ninth
Program Year
1941-1942

Mrs. H. S. Brown 1942- 1944

MRS. H. S. BROWN
President

VAN NUYS WOMANS CLUB
14836
M. HARRISON
THIRTIETH
Program Year
1942-1943

VAN NUYS WOMANS CLUB
14836
31st Year

Mrs. R.J. Zarn 1944 - 1946

VAN NUYS

WOMAN'S CLUB

THIRTY-SECOND
YEAR
1944-1945

VAN NUYS

WOMAN'S CLUB

THIRTY-THIRD
YEAR
1945-1946

Mrs. Ross Rook 1946-1947

The Van Nuys WOMAN'S CLUB

THIRTY-FOURTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1946 - 1947

Mrs. Milo Thompson ,I947-I948

EDNA N. THOMPSON

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THIRTY-FIFTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1947-1948

Mrs. Paul Bogendorfer 1948-1950

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WOMAN'S
CLUB - - -

THIRTY-SIXTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1948-1949

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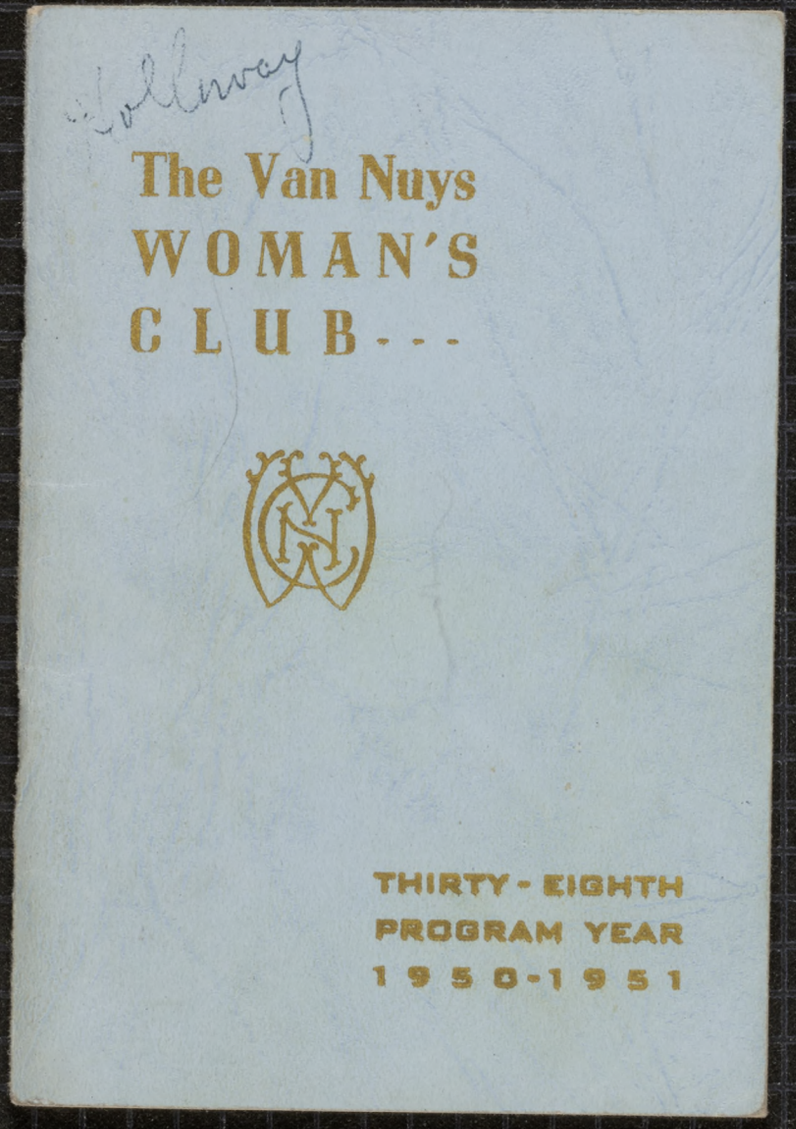
CLUB - - -

THIRTY-SEVENTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1949-1950

Mrs.Lloyd G. Rainey, I950- I952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THIRTY-EIGHTH
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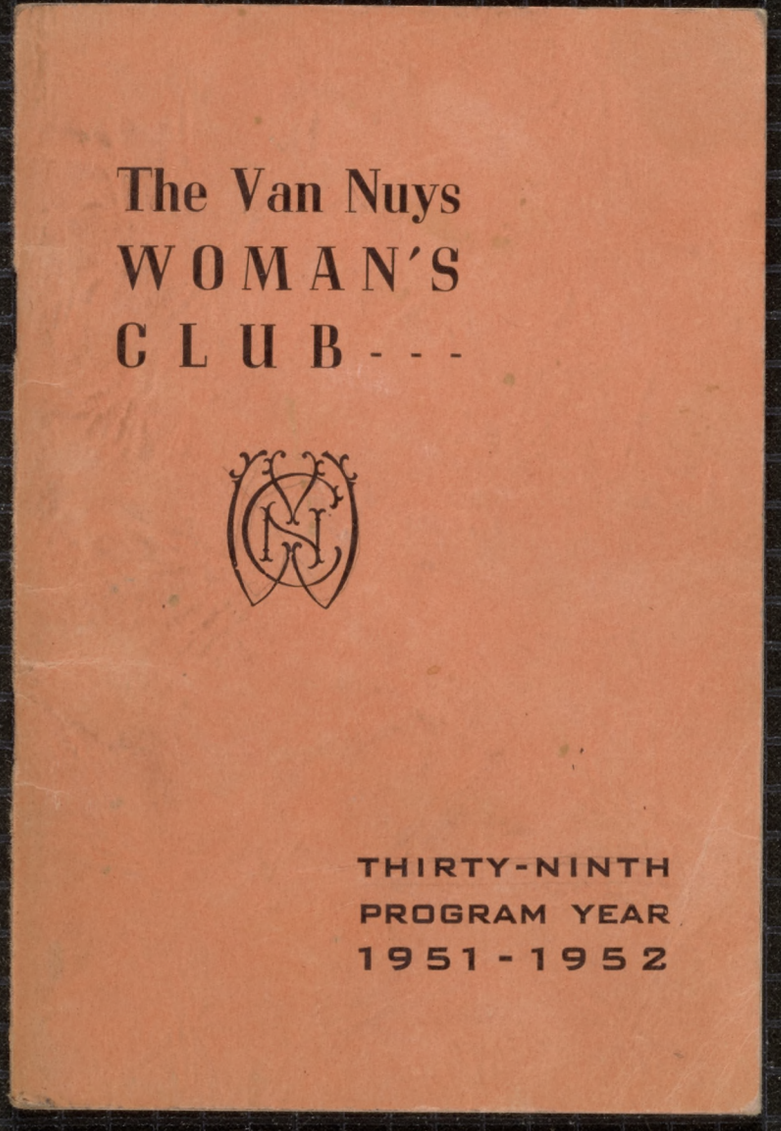
1950-1951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THIRTY-NINTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1951-1952

Mrs. Raymond Post, 1952- 1953

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FORTIETH
PROGRAM YEAR
1952-1953

Mrs. George Chapman, 1953-1955 .

The Van Nuys
WOMAN'S
CLUB - - -

FORTY-FIRST
PROGRAM YEAR
1953-1954

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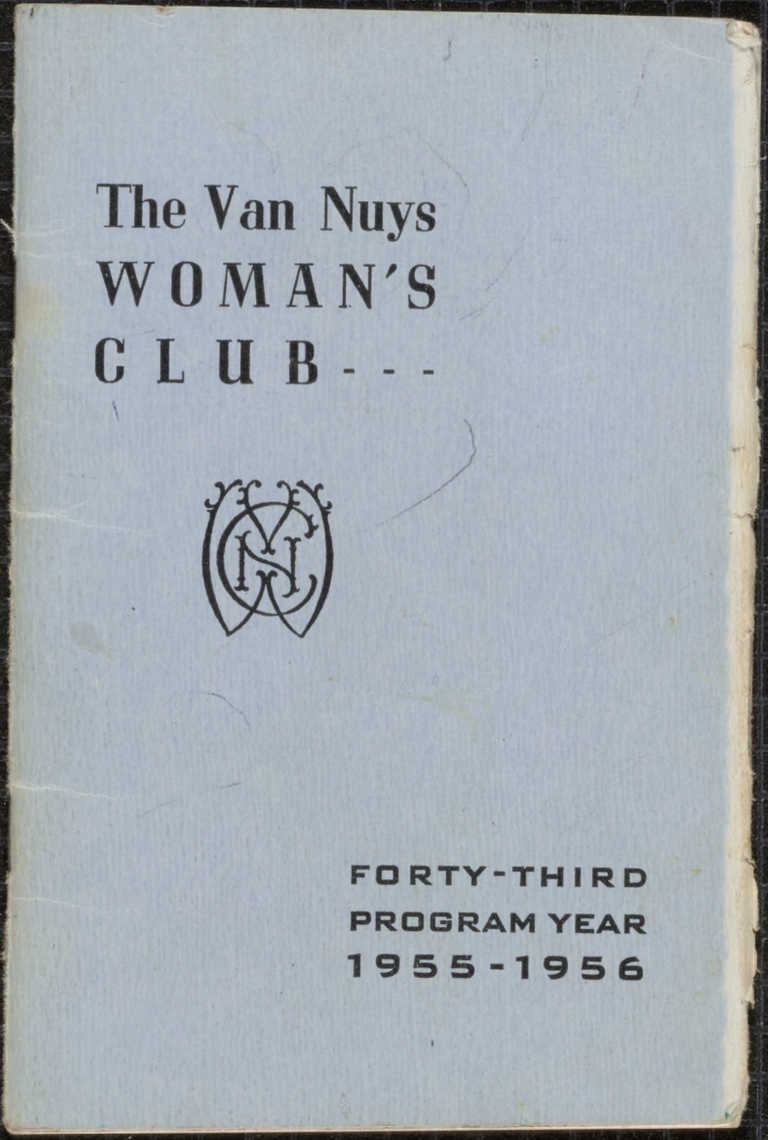
WOMAN'S
CLUB - - -

FORTY-SECOND
PROGRAM YEAR
1954-1955

Mrs. Howell Mc Daniel, I955-I957

I955- I956
Completed kitchen renovation.Re-located flag-pole in front of club-house . New roof on clubhouse.

I956-I957
All Roses removed to east side of clubhouse and trees removed for parking lot west of the clubhouse. Wall built around four sides of the lot. Front of walls landscaped. New stage lighting installed. Flood lights for parking lot.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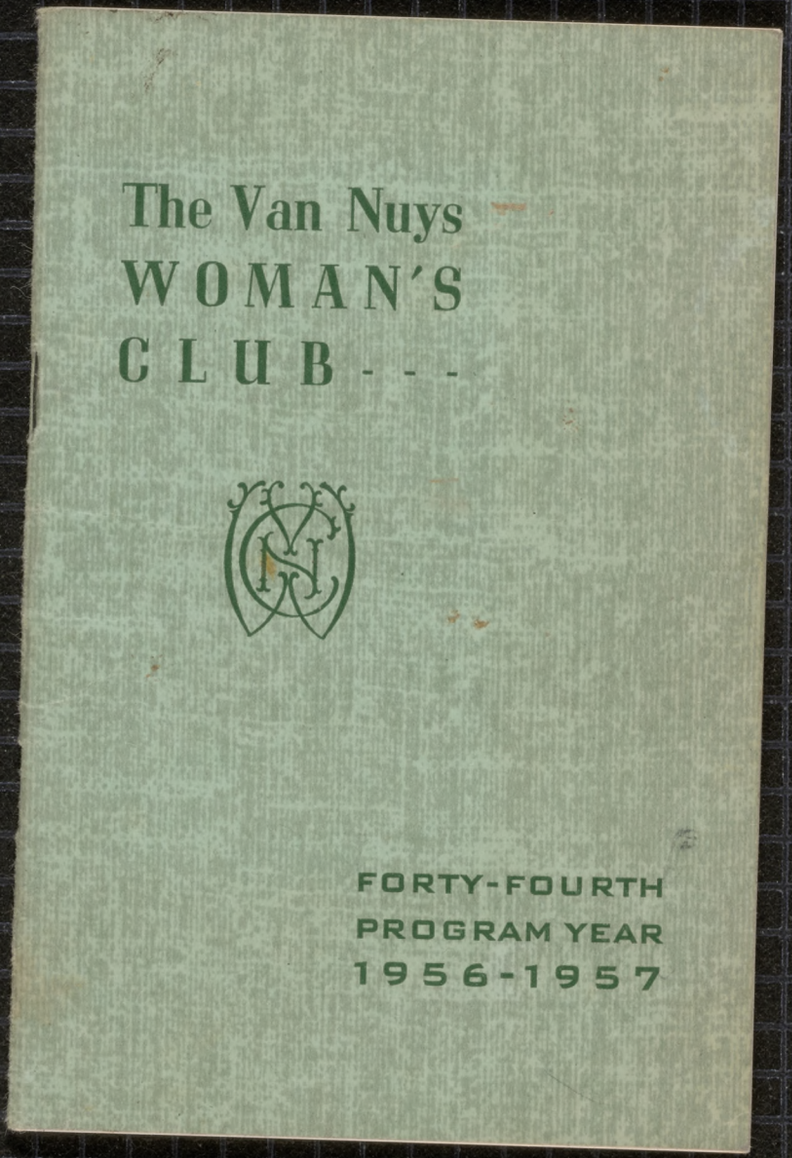
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FORTY-FOURTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1956-1957

MRS. HOWARD WILSON (TONI)

1957-1958

The Van Nuys WOMAN'S CLUB - - -

FORTY-FIFTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1957-1958

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

GUEST CARD

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Membership Card

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This is to Certify that _____

IS A MEMBER FOR THE CLUB YEAR 1957 - 1958

MRS. GEORGE BAKER(BEULAH)

I958-I959

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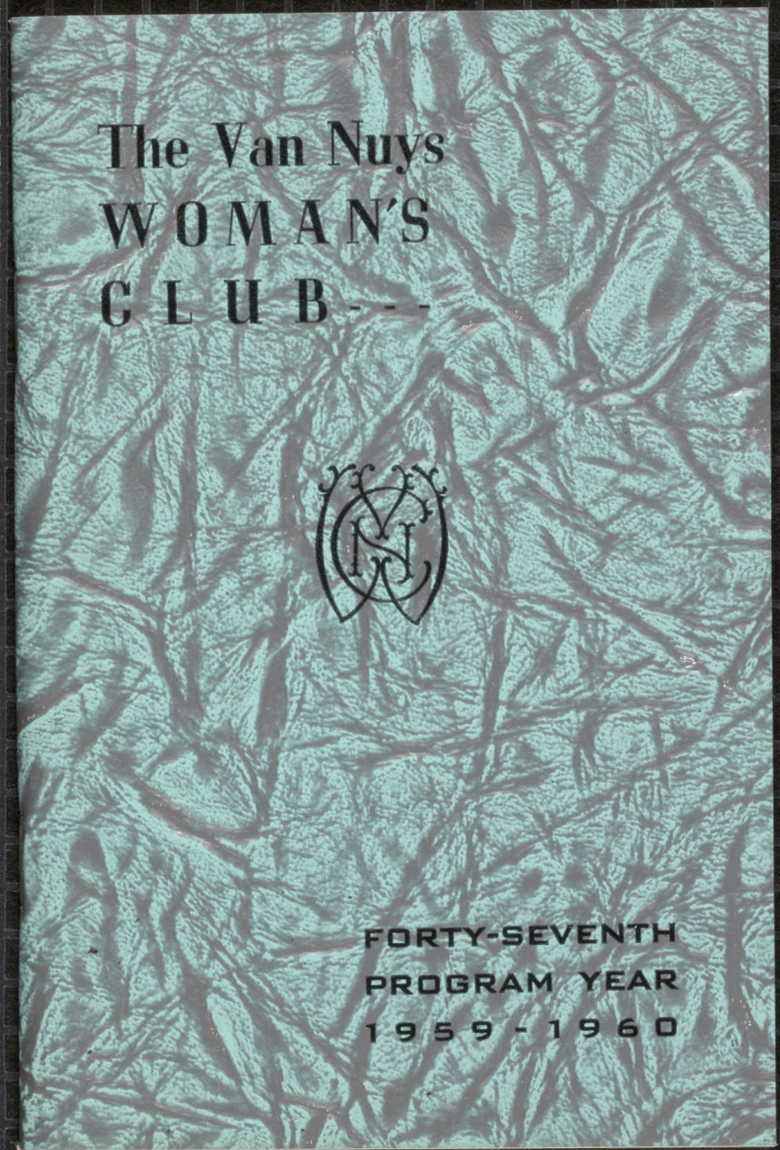
FORTY-SIXTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1958-1959

MRS. JAMES NEEL (DOROTHEA)

1959-----1961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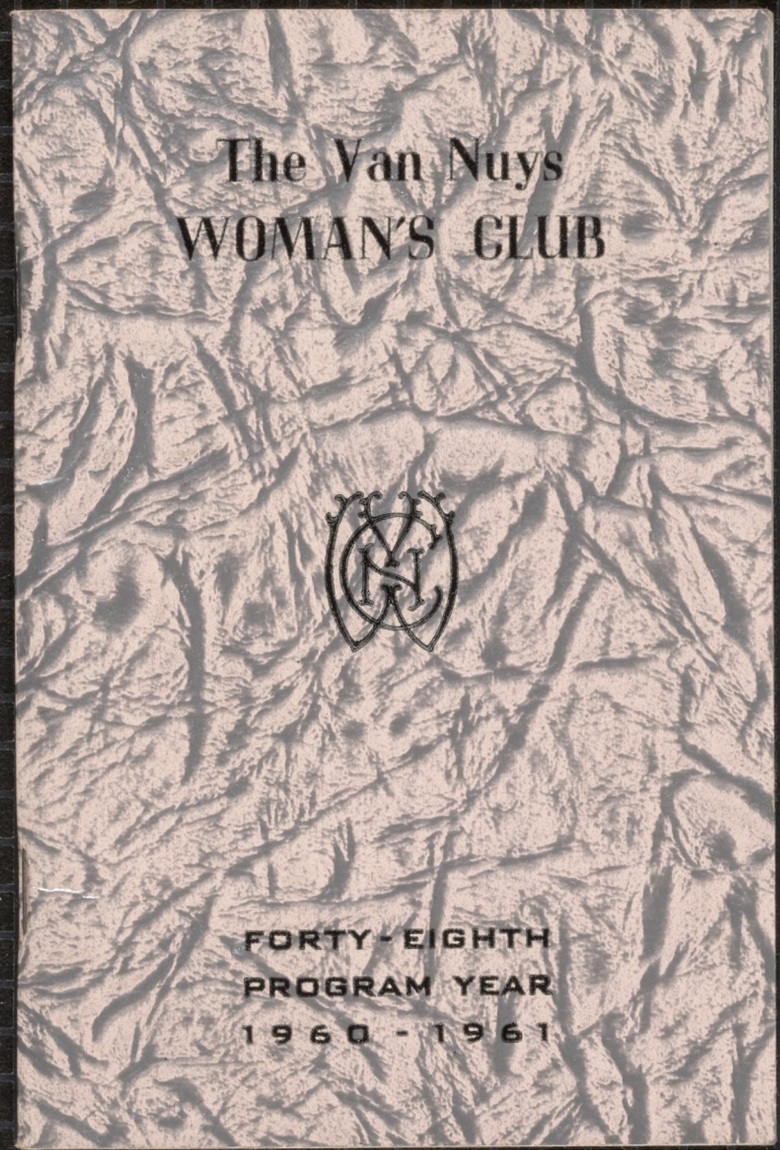
PROGRAM YEAR
1959-1960


The Van Nuys
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FORTY-EIGHTH
PROGRAM YEAR
1960-1961

EDNA N. REED

1961---

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

GUEST CARD

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Membership Card

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

This is to
Certify that _____

IS A MEMBER FOR THE CLUB YEAR 1961 - 62

PROGRAM YEAR
FORTY - NINTH
1961 - 1962

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

GUEST CARD

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Membership Card

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

This is to
Certify that _____

IS A MEMBER FOR THE CLUB YEAR 1962-63

FIFTIETH
PROGRAM YEAR
1962-1963

EDNA N. REED

1961---

The Van Nuys
WOMAN'S CLUB

PROGRAM YEAR
FORTY - NINTH
1961 - 1962

The Van Nuys
WOMAN'S CLUB

FIFTIETH
PROGRAM YEAR
1962-1963

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FIFTY-FIRST
PROGRAM YEAR
1963-1964

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FIFTY-SECOND PROGRAM YEAR 1964-1965

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Guest Card

The Van Nuys Woman's Club

FIFTY-THIRD
PROGRAM YEAR
1965 — 1966

The Van Nuys Woman's Club

FIFTY-FOURTH PROGRAM YEAR 1966-1967

Membership Card

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

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IS A MEMBER FOR THE CLUB YEAR 1966-67

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: SUMMARY

Spanish Governor, **GASPAR de PORTOLA** Aug. 5, 1769.

Sepulveda Canyon to Encino Springs. Indians.
Named CATALINA de BONONIA de Los ENCINOS.
136,000 INDIANS, 40 TRIBES GABRIELEÑOS, FERNANDEÑOS CHUMASH MICHLTORENA

SPANISH RULE: 1769 - 1822-23 De Sola
53 YEARS

MEXICAN RULE: 1823 - 1846 (25 years)
Pio Pico prominate military leader & land owner.
500 MEN

U.S. RULE: July 7, 1846. Minor battles between Calabasas & Encino. Tready of Peace at Battle of Cahuenga, July 7, 1846. 1 MULE KILLED

Land Title to Francisco Reys - Recinded when given to Mission Aug. 5, 1795. Included Triumfo & Piru.

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1 **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**
450 Square miles, 125,542 Acres, 25 Miles E.- W.
PORTOLA first entered via 8 - 10 " N.- S.
Sepulveda Canyon **AUG. 5, 1769**
Called it **Catalina de Bononia de los Encinos.**
Also called Encino Ranch
Name changed when Mission established 1795.
FIRST Extended to Triunfo (West Lake) & Piru (Nr. Santa Paula)

Under Spanish domaine 1769 to 1822-23
" Mexican 1822 " 1823 to Feb 2, 1848 (25 years)
" United States July 7, 1846 Tready of Peace
FREMONT AT MISSION 1-11-47
2-2-48 FINAL U.S. OWNED.

LAST SPANISH RULER, de SOLA
A ROUELLO, GOVERNOR
FIRST MEXICAN H[illegible]
IN DEBT, SO CONFISCATED MISSION LANDS
SOLD THEM.
PADRES FOUGHT SECULARIZATION
PIO PICO CAME IN - BATTLE OF CAHUENGA PASS
HAD VENTURA
FEB 22, 1845

(1)

LOPEZ STATION - SCRT FERNANDO-
STAGE ROUTE TO S.F.

DE LA OSA - ENCINO-
ENCINO RANCH OWNED BY
GARNIER BROTHERS- ABOUT 1875

CALABASAS—
LEONIS—
"BIG BASQUE" Killed in wagon accident.

STANLEY N. PETIT
4278 Sherman Oaks Ave.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

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FRANCISCO RAYS LAND GRANT RECALLED FOR FOR MISSION 1895. INDIANS - 40 TRIBES - SHOSHONEANS

2 **SAN FERNANDO MISSION** Established Aug. 5, 1795 130,000 70,000 MISSION RULE
116,858 Acres. First under Spanish rule, then Mexican 25 years until tready of peace with United States. 17th Mission
Tenure to last 10 years then **secularization.** 1894
Indians unable to cope with ownership - Lost land.
First **land grant** to Franciseo Reyes. - RECALLED
Indians , 1500 most at mission, declined 1000,500, 10.
Mission lands down to 40 acres. 1846. 121,542 acres / 14,000 ??

3 **ST. FERDINARD III,** King of Castile & Leon, Spain, for whom Mission named.

4 First Sunday School in Mission.

5 First ~~Day~~ PUBLIC School, at Lopez Station 1874. at site of Van Norman dam.

6 **LOPEZ STATION,** 1869, First Post Office.

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LOPEZ - STATION - SAN FERNANDO - STAGE ROUTE

DEL LA OSA - ENCINO

UGONIS ADOBE - CALABASSAS

VALLEY UNDER MEXICAN RULE 1822

7 **GERONIMO LOPEZ** home, AT Lopez Station.

8 **ROGERIO ROCHA** Educated by Padres, was Alter Boy, became Chior Master. Became Silver Smith. Given 10 acres land at mission. 1834
17

9 **PIO PICO** Governor of Calif. 1832. Headed Mexican army to fight Americans. After U.S. took over, became excellant American citizen.
Opposed mission rule of indidans & treatment of them.
Bought South 1/2 of valley for 1.50 per acre./De Celis.
Later sold land for money to support his army. OATS GROWN
Married Maria Ygnacio Alvarado 1834.
TREATY OF CAHUENGA U.S. takes over, 1 mule & horse kiled

10 **ANDREAS PICO**, brother of Pio. Brig. Gen. of Ca. Natl Guar
The day of the Dons. TO 1873 Held many celebrations. d.
Raised fine blooded horses. Headquarters at NEAR mission.
Married Senora Cutilde de la Guerra de la Sepuilveda.
2.0 cc. ACRES.

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11 Senora Cotille de la Guerra, wife of Andreas Pico
Prominate society lady.

12 L.A. first had horse drawn cars, 1874 - 1901.

13 STEAM TRAINS: L.A. to Hollywood, 1888.
Leland Stanford said he would build R.R. in
valley. R.R. in Valley 1874. Santa Susana
tunnel1876, cost 2,000.000.xx.
Steam R.R. to Van Nuys for opening day, 2/22/11.

14 **MIQUEL LEONIS** French Basque. Married Indian woman,
Espiritu, to qualify for Mexican land grants.
Moved into adobe built in 1840 in year 1875.
Became large land owner. Bought El Escorpion ranch
from 2 Indians, 1 Mexican. 1100 acres.

15 ESPIRITU, wife of Leonis.

16 E.F.De CELIS / I.N. VAN NUYS / ISAC LANKERSHIM / CHAS MACLAY.
First American land owners in Valley. Member State Assembly Maclay & De Celis bought North 1/2 for 2.2¢ acre. De Celis largest land owner. Oct. 30, 1949-50.

17 **ENCINO RANCHO.** First owner OXART
Then THOMPSON, then **Eugen Garnier**, French Basque. March 25, 1869. GARNIER built lake, 2 story building station on South side Ventura Blvd. Later rancho to Gless & to his father inlaw **DOMINGO AMESTOY.** Patent issued 1873. 4600 Acres.

18 **ENCINO STATION** Store & resturant. Meals 25¢
La Salle Salon 1870 - 88.

19 SHEEP PERIOD

The use of the valley was for the growing of **cattle.** This virtually ended with the draught 1864. Next came sheep which lasted until 1874-75 when a drought killed thousands.

← FIRST CAME 1869

20 ISAC LANKERSHIM & I.N. VAN NUYS:
After the Cattle & Sheep periods, the valley turned to **GRAIN CROPS.** It was divided into large ranches:

1- Lankershim Ranch	No Hollywood & Toluca
2- Sheep Ranch	Coldwater & Ventura
3- Kester Ranch	N.W. of Van Nuys
4- Patton Ranch	Reseda & tarzans
5- Home Ranch	Sherman Way & Balboa
6- West Ranch	North portion, Porter-Zelgah
7- Workman Ranch	Canoga Park, Woodland Hills

21 Cahuenga Pass, 1906. Graded 1910. P.E.R.R. 1911
Oiled 1917, Paved 1924. Name means **"little hills".**

22-Home of I.N. Van Nuys 1882. Home Ranch

23 **WORKMAN RANCH** The era of the grain (Oats) ranches.
Brought eucalyptus trees from Austraulia for wind breaks

24 **GRAIN HARVESTER** 1898. Stationary Rig. 55 men,
12 Wagons to bring grain to harvester. Note
Cook House; "Dog house" where sacks were sewed.

25 **COMBINE HARVESTER** Thrashing machine pulled thru
fields. 32 horses.

26 WATER: WM MULHOLLAND & FRED EATON:
City of L.A. voted bonds in 1905 to secure water rights & property in Ownes Valley for AQUEDUCT. Cost $1,500.00.xx. Started 1907, Delivered 1915. "There it is - Take it". (U.S.Govt. under Theodore Rosevelt favored project and helped legal matters) Pipe lines each 1/2 mile serve well today.

27 HARRY CHANDLER & H.J.WHITLEY
SURBAN HOMES CO. was organized by the following:

Harry Chandler	Los Angeles Times
H.J.Whitley	Hollywood Developer
Gen. M. H. Sherman	L.A. Electric R.R. builder.
Harrison Gray Otis	L.A. Times
Otto F. Brant.	L.A. Title Trust & Ins. Co.

Started valley subdivision: East, Whitsett Street North, Roscoe Blvd., West, Shroup Ave., So. Top of Hills Towns; Van Nuys, Marion & Ownesmouth.
Drew lots for parcels, Mutual trust in each other.
47,500 acres. $2,500,000.xx (About 50¢ acre - drew lots for parcels)

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28 Grading Sherman Way. $500,000.xx allocated.
16 miles long, 200 feet wide. First paved
street in valley. Original route of Pac. Electric
R.R. Chandler, Van Nuys Blvd. & Sherman Way all one.
Electric lights, trees + roses.

29 **H.J. WHITLEY:** Picture at new domestic water well.

30 Well & tank constructin.

31 **W.P. WHITSETT:** (Right) Came to Calif. 1905 for health
32 Developed Walnut Lawn in S. E. L.A.
Invited by SURBAN HOMES CO. to be Sales Representative.
Bought 1/2 of Van Nuys Townsite lots'
Used many inteersting methods to get buyers to V.N.
Trains - Busses - Free Barbecues etc.
Gas-water & Elecrisity in. $250,000.xx committted
first day.

33 L.A.Times add. "No Speed Limit".

34 **STREET CAR LINE** grading. Cars first came to V.N. Dec. 1911.

35 **OPENING DAY,** Feb 22, 1911 Van Nuys.

36 Twenty Five Years later, V.N.

37 Crowds at V.N.

38 In front of Whitsett Sales Office 2/22/11.

39 Some came by private cars.

40 Even a Model "T" from N.Y.

41 Year 1910 M/M Frank L. Topel & Miss Pearl Herron came to Valley.

42 W.P.Whitsett, Frank M. Keffer & George Keffer
Cars in front of Whitsett Tract Office.

43 Frist **STREET CARS** Dec. 1911.

44 Free Barbecues. Free trips from L.A.

45Southern Pacific passenger trains from L.A.

46 Momentos.

47 Luggage tags.

48 W.P. Whitsett & Bus from L.A.

49 **First Natl. Bank** Sylvan & V.N. (Then Sherman Way).

50 Unloading lumber for new houses.

51 Early home. Note wide eves.

52 Early home.

53 H.J. Whitley Home.Later became Praiswater Funeral Home.
Damaged by earthquake '72.

54 **VAN NUYS HOTEL** Still standing 1988. Built by Donnelly.
E RELKINS V.N. CALL - OCT 18 1911, 6 WKS. V. N. NEWS F.M.K

55 **FRANK M. KEFFER** Owner-publisher Van Nuys News
56 Later partner Walter Mendenhall
Later, Maurice & Ralph Markam
"Valley News".

57 First **Presbyterian Church** . The first church was
the Methodist built east of V. N. Blvd.
Whitsett donated lots and some cash to build churches.

58 Excurion ads

59 "FLOODS" Valley was plagued by Floods & Droughts.
1859 Draught, 1960-61 Floods, 1962-64 Draught,
2000 Cattle died-End of cattle erea.
1967 Floods, 1969 Fine Oat crops.
1974-75 Sheep died. Valley turned to **OAT** crops.

60 Fishing on Sherman Way (V.N.Blvd.)

61 G. A. Huffaker & family. First V.N.Ford Dealer.

62 First Van Nuys School. (Between Erwin & Sylvan).

63 School in store building. Miss Edith Prescott, teacher.

64 Gus Boulanger, Grocery store-Bank Building.

65 Band Concert. Sylvan St. E. of V.N.

66 Ván Nuys 1 year later.

67 Van Nuys Sanitarium. Sylven & Sylmar. Mrs. Haynes
Dr. Patten

68 Dr. PATTEN first doctor.

69 Pen skecht by Eugena Patten, Daughter of Dr. Patten.

70 More FLOODS. Tyrone St.

71 FLOODS down Sherman Way (V.N.Blvd.).

72 L.A. Evening Hearld, Feb. 28, 1914 "Floods".

73 Get out and help ! 1914

74 P)PPY DAY April 20, 1911.

75 California Popy

76 Whitsett Tract Office. Camera Obscura view of town.

77 Pacific Electric cars to V.N. Dec. 16, 1911.

tell Mrs Balcolm

78 Pacific Electric Depot. Built 1914. Friar & Victory

79 Mark Sutton & family, First Drug Store talk about

80 Keffer family, Ligonier, Penna,before leaving for Van Nuys

81 **Wm. J. Petit & Stan.** Came to Valley 1911. First Ownes Valley water available from constuction of San Fernando Reservoir hydraulic engineered project via New Hall Wash (Bull Creek) prior to installation of pipe lines. Used water to irrigate **Sugar Beets.** First deep tillage plowing unearthed many Indian relics. Metered water available 1913.

82 Beets shiped by rail to A.B.S.Factory at Oxnard. Hauled to beet "dumps" by 8 horse teams.

83 Later view of V.N. Sugar Beet "dump" upper right.

84 Four years growth from opening day.

85 **ORGAN FACTORY** Aug. 17, 1913. Wanted "clean" industry.

85 **VAN NUYS HIGH SCHOOL** Bond issue voted 118 yes 0 no, Feb. 24, 1914. $120,000.xx Opened June 7, 1915. Two upper Gramer School classes moved in to help fill large new building.

87 Assembly Hall with ORGAN. Mary Jane P. first organist. Also first editor of Crimson & Gray, first Annual.

88 Paved streets & new buildings.

89 Stan advdrtises Aeroplane rides.
90 Travel Air OX-5 Bi-plane. Kept at ranch prior to building Metropolitan Airport (V.N.Airport)

91 More ads for flights.

92 & still more.

93 Metropolitan Airport dedicated Dec. 17, 1928, anniversit of Wright Brothers first flight.

94 By-By Big Red Cars, Service started Dec. 1911, ended 1952

95 Breaking ground for First Presbyterian Hospital. Robert Fuller, Ferdinand Mendenhal, W. P. Whitsett, Dr. Chas. Canby.

96 Encino Ranch owned by Amestoy. Helen & Michele Amestoy "Speed" Garnier.
97 M/M Joseph Amestoy
98 Dr. Stelck, Metromedia film of Valley.

STANLEY N. PETIT
4278 Sherman Oaks Ave.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

SUMMARY:

MISSION - SECULARIZATION after 10 years.
Indians unable to cope - No pay, floggings etc.
Peak number 1500, down to 1000, then 10.

Land purchased for 2.2@ to 1.50 per acre.
De Celis & Pio Pico bought North 1/2 and South 1/2.

CATTLE (To 1864)	**SHEEP** (To 1874-75)	**GRAIN**
1- Lankershim	No. Hollywood	Toluca
2- Sheep Ranch	Coldwater & Ventura	
3- Kester Ranch	Van Nuys & N.W.	
4- Patton Ranch	Reseda & Tarzana	
5- Home Ranch	Sherman Way - Balboa - Forbes	
6- West Ranch	Porter-Zelzah (No. of Roscoe)	
7- Workman Ranch	Canoga Park & Woodland Hills	

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